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3... Comments: I am sure the REST of the country would be very relieved to send all the nuclear waste to NEVADA, because NOBODY wants it in THEIR state. Everyone thinks it is a "great idea" as long as it is going to be stored "somewhere else."]

1... Stored NUCLEAR WASTE will last over 20,000 years, and there are no guarantees that we can build a storage CONTAINER that can outlast the 20,000 years it will take to defuse the hazardous waste. Eventually, (only a matter of HOW long), whatever state is "unlucky" enough to get stuck with the stored nuclear waste WILL have catastrophic problems with health and environmental issues... possibly, nobody will even survive, leaving a state full of DEAD people!

2 Govt studies contend it will be "safe" to use a dump site for the nuclear waste. At what cost to human life AND the environment is the US GOVT willing to take a chance? Studies are so OFTEN proven wrong years later:

EXAMPLE: Years ago, the US GOVT studies showed that the Nevada underground testing of nuclear bombs was "safe", but those studies now have proven to be wrong. Nevada has some serious problems to solve and content with because of govt error in judgement years ago.

1 cont. Nuclear waste is not JUST a SERIOUS HAZARD. Nuclear waste is capable of rendering vast areas around a nuclear dump site totally uninhabitable for generations to come! What about major earthquakes and other acts of nature that nobody can possibly predict with any certainty?

3 cont. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THAT JUNK HERE IN NEVADA! Nevada already has problems surfacing from all the underground testing of nuclear bombs of years past. We don't need anymore "glow in the dark" help, thank you!

4 Since the US GOVT believes a dump site is a SAFE solution, they should build the dump site in the Washington, DC area. Let the US GOVT put the waste near THEMSELVES, instead of on the other side of the country. Then, years from now when it is realized that "out of sight, out of mind" was NOT a safe solution after all, it will be THEIR problem, not Nevada's.

6... More nuclear waste is being created every day. Eventually, even Yucca Mt. will run out

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6 cont. of room, not to mention the ongoing expenses and hazards of shipping nuclear waste across country for years to come. Is "dumping" the RIGHT SOLUTION to the problem? NO IT IS NOT!

Eventually, the govt. will come to terms with reality, and admit a permanent solution is necessary:

5 --A DUMP SITE IS A VERY COSTLY AND DANGEROUS TEMPORARY SOLUTION, which, if implimented, will haunt future generations of humans on this planet of ours, and MAYBE EVEN DESTROY OUR PLANET.

It is a ill-conceived IDEA...another example of "sweeping the problem under a rug" so some future generation will have to deal with it instead of us. It is a WASTE of money to STUDY or PURSUE this temporary endeavor any further.

6 cont. --A PERMANENT SOLUTION WOULD BE TO DEVELOP A WAY TO RENDER NUCLEAR WASTE HARMLESS. Instead of wasting money to create a dump site, wouldn't that money be WISER spent to fund and develop a technology to render the nuclear waste harmless, thereby ELIMINATING the problem for us now AND for ALL future generations?

AN EXAMPLE OF GOVT WASTE:

In the 1980's ,while I lived in NY State,I remember reading that NYS was spending MILLIONS of dollars for the "study of the garbage disposal problem within NY City". The study proved to be inconclusive, at a massive monitary waste to the taxpayers, and NY City hadn't accomplished removing even ONE bag of garbage with all those millions of dollars spent!

6 cont. The FEDERAL GOVT also has a habit of wasting money and moving in the wrong direction much of the time. PLEASE, this decision is SO important..."dumping" is NOT a permanent solution, therefore creating a dump site is a total WASTE of money, creating only a temporary solution.

Stop taking the EASY way out of a problem by "burying" it. It may take a little longer, maybe it will cost a little more in the SHORT run, but the outcome of rendering nuclear waste harmless would be well worth any delay! Wouldn't it be nice to know there WAS no harmful waste to have to bury after all?

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion!

Sincerely,

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